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DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SYNTHETIC MICROSFERES AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME; the specification of which was filed on August 25, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/648,009.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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Filing Date: August 23, 2002

Application No.: 60/471,400

Filing Date: May 16, 2003

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature Amlan

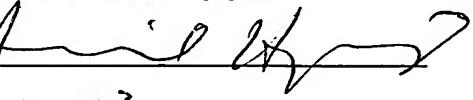
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Residence: 11835 Proclamation Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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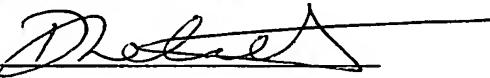
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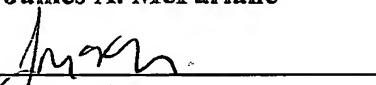
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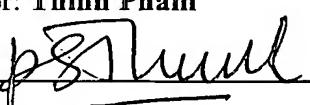
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Inventor's signature Noel R. Thompson

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Residence: 19 Norfolk Place, Carlingford, NSW 2118 Australia

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Full name of seventh inventor: Huagang Zhang

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Date _____

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Citizenship: **China**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Datta et al.)
App. No. : Unknown)
Filed : August 25, 2003)
For : SYNTHETIC MICROSFERES AND)
Examiner : METHODS OF MAKING SAME)
Unknown)

ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION
AND
REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s) to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 2040 Main Street, Fourteenth Floor, Irvine, California 92614, Telephone (949) 760-0404, Customer No. 20,995, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this

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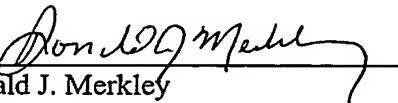
application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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JAMES HARDI RESEARCH PTY LIMITED

Dated: November 17, 2003

By:


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Title: Director

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Amlan Datta, a citizen of India, residing at 11835 Proclamation Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Hamid Hojaji, a citizen of the United States, residing at 2140 Bonnie Brae Street, Claremont, CA 91711, David L. Melmeth, a citizen of Australia, residing at 905 W. Solano Street, Upland, CA 91784, James A. McFarlane, a citizen of Australia, residing at 9876 Pasqual Court, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Thinh Pham, a citizen of Australia, residing at 8/3-5 Houston Road, Kensington, NSW 2033, Australia, Noel R. Thompson, a citizen of Australia, residing at 19 Norfolk Place, Carlingford, NSW 2118, Australia and Huagang Zhang, a citizen of China, residing at 34377 Oakwood Place, Yucaipa, CA 92399, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a SYNTHETIC MICROSFERES AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 10/648,009, Filed on August 25, 2003.

AND WHEREAS, JAMES HARDIE RESEARCH PTY LIMITED (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Corporation, with its principal place of business at Level 1, Research and Product Development Building, 10 Colquhoun Street, Rosehill, NSW 2142, Australia, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15 day of September, 2003.

Amlan Datta

STATE OF California }
| ss.
COUNTY OF San Bernardino }

On September 15, 2003 before me, Jeanette S. Pacific, Notary, personally appeared Amlan Datta personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and

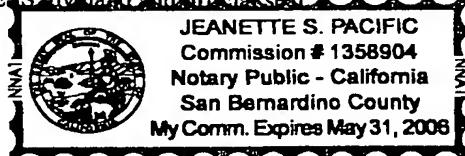
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that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

[SEAL]



Jeanette S. Pacific
Notary Signature

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15 day of Sept., 2003

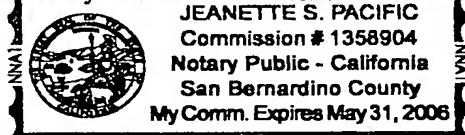
Hamid Hojaji
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STATE OF California }
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On September 15, 2003, before me, *Jeanette S. Pacific, Notary* personally appeared Hamid Hojaji personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

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Jeanette S. Pacific
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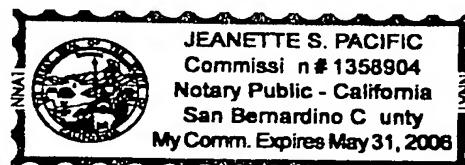
David L. Melmeth
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STATE OF California }
} ss.
COUNTY OF San Bernardino }

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of SEPTEMBER 2003

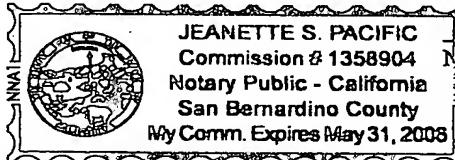
James A. McFarlane

STATE OF California }
COUNTY OF San Bernardino } ss.

On September 23, 2003 before me, Jeanette S. Pacific, Notary personally appeared James A. McFarlane personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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Notary Signature

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15 day of September 2003

Thinh Pham

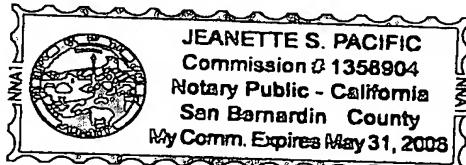
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 17 day of November 2003

Noel E. Thompson
Noel E. Thompson
N.S.W.

STATE OF N.S.W.,
COUNTY OF Australia } ss.

On 17 NOV 2003, before me, MALCOLM J. PARK, personally appeared Noel E. Thompson personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

Huagang Zhang
Notary Signature

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Huagang Zhang

STATE OF }
COUNTY OF } ss.

On _____, before me, _____, personally appeared Huagang Zhang personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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[SEAL]

Huagang Zhang
Notary Signature

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Noel R. Thompson

STATE OF }
} ss.
COUNTY OF }

On _____, before me, _____, personally appeared Noel R. Thompson personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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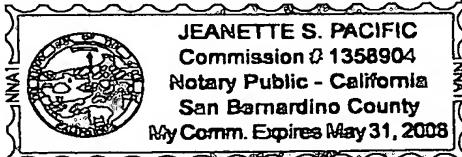
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COUNTY OF San Bernardino }

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